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A067 Scott River Salamander *Plethodon asupak*  
Family: Plethodontidae Order: Caudata Class: Amphibia

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#### DISTRIBUTION, ABUNDANCE, AND SEASONALITY

The Scott River salamander is a new species described by Mead et al. (2005) and found near the Klamath and Scott Rivers in northwestern Siskiyou Co., California. Associated with rocky forested areas, especially thick moss-covered talus.

#### SPECIFIC HABITAT REQUIREMENTS

Feeding: Probably feeds on small insects and other invertebrates, foraging on damp soil at ground surface and under surface objects.

Cover: Probably uses rock rubble at the base of talus slopes or under surface objects.

Reproduction: Unknown. Probably uses rock rubble of talus slopes.

Water: Free water not required.

Pattern: Presumed to be similar to *P. stormi* and *P. elongatus*; active on wet nights.

#### SPECIES LIFE HISTORY

Activity Patterns: Unknown. Probably nocturnal.

Seasonal Movements/Migration: No data.

Home Range: No data.

Territory: No data.

Reproduction: Breeding season unknown, probably spring.

#### REFERENCES

Mead, L. A., D. R. Clayton, R. S. Nauman, D. H. Olson, and M. E. Pfrender. 2005. Newly discovered populations of salamanders from Siskiyou County California represent a species distinct from *Plethodon stormi*. *Herpetologica* 61(2):158-177.